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STRONG QUINTET IS PROMISED AT CLOSE OF WEEK'S PRACTICE

New Coach Is Giving Men Stiff Scrimmages Daily

HAS CUT SQUAD TO 12 PLAYERS

Capt. Rice Will Lead Team of Veterans on Floor in First Game

With the services of Coach Hargreaves, one of the best basketball players in the east, and with a wealth of veteran varsity material on the squad, Middlebury's basketball prospects appear the brightest that they have in several years. Although the squad has had but one week of practice thus far, the material looks especially promising and Coach Hargreaves has expressed himself as being more than pleased with the results that have been shown so early in the season.

The first call for candidates for the quintet was issued a week ago Monday night at which time twenty-eight men reported for the Blue and White team. After trying out various combinations with this number the squad was cut to fifteen men after the first four days and the final cut was made on Monday when the squad was reduced to twelve men. Of these twelve seven have played on the varsity in other years and there are several likely looking hoopsters in the remaining five, so that Coach Hargreaves hopes to develop a strong quintet from this number.

Practice sessions were held every day last week with a scrimmage every other day when several members of the squad showed a very fine brand of passing. Starting Monday Coach Hargreaves is holding a scrimmage session every day and is planning to use various combinations from the twelve men against the different teams in the interfraternity council league.

For forwards this year there are W. Rice, McNeil and Towne, all of whom have had considerable experience and who are showing up well in the early practice sessions. For centers Coach Hargreaves will have Eddy and Maynard. Eddy played on the freshman team two years ago where he starred at center and played in some of the varsity games during the latter part of last season. Maynard was a star on his prep school team but was not out last year due to the one year ruling.

A wealth of material is available for the guard positions with Capt. R. L. Rice, Knowles and Hasseltine showing up especially well. All have won their varsity letters. Among the new men who are making a strong bid for the team at this position are Ryan, Collins, Kammerer and Xanthipolo.

The quintet will open its season a week from Friday night when it plays St. Stephen's at Arnandale-on-Hudson. The following night it will meet Albany Pharmacy at Albany, N. Y.

Students Hear Interesting Lecture on Maple Products

A large number of students heard the lecutre on "Maple Products" given in the Chemistry lecture room last Friday evening by C. H. Jones, chemist at the State Agricultural college, University of Vermont. The lecture followed a banquet and business session of the Vermont section of the American Chemical society, held at the Hotel Addison.

HARRIERS CHOOSE DONALD CAPTAIN

Sophomore, Holder of Record for Local Course, To Lead Cross-Country Team Next Year

William K. Donald, '28, of Utica, New York, was elected to captain the Middlebury cross-country team at a meeting of the letter men held last week. The choice of Donald to lead the Blue and White harriers next year is a logical one for his work during the past season has won for him the right to captain the cross country runners.

Donald first distinguished himself on the track team last spring where he was a consistent performer and point winner and his work on the cross-country team this fall was just a continuation of the record he started to make last spring. Taking part in all four meets this fall he led his teammates each time and twice broke the tape at the finish. In the annual meet with R. P. I. he broke the course record by clipping twenty-five seconds off the former record and setting a new time of 33.11 for the local course.

Besides his work in track and cross-country Donald took part in the Sophomore Play and is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

FOOTBALL IS UNDER FIRE AT HARVARD

"Crimson" Suggests Radical Plan To Eliminate Overemphasis

Probably no discussion is occupying such a prominent place in the large colleges and in the public press today as that concerning overemphasis in college football. The center of this action seems to be at Harvard where very definite suggestions are being made for the reformation of intercollegiate football. The "Harvard Crimson" on December 1 printed a four column editorial in which it outlined the way in which it would like to see intercollegiate football conducted and in which it offered a definite list of suggestions for changes.

The "Crimson" believes that "there is a well-founded opinion at Harvard that football has become overemphasized in American colleges, so much that the entire scheme of American education is thrown out of focus, and that the game itself is suffering from

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INTERFRATERNITY LEAGUE NET TEAMS START PRACTISING

Sages To Again Conduct Basketball Tourney; Dekes Hold Title

Practice hours have been posted and seven teams have gone into training for the opening of the season's Interfraternity basketball contests. At present no dates have been assigned for games to be played, but the Sage honorary society which is sponsoring the contests, plans to have a schedule of dates ready in the very near future. As yet, no referee has been decided upon.

The games this year are not to be played in the form of a league, as was done last winter. Two leagues, composed of four teams each played between themselves last season. From these two, the Alpha Sigma Phi and the Detla Kappa Epsilon fives emerged victors, to play off the college championship. The championship cup was won by D. K. E.

This year's games are to be played by seven teams, representing Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Kappa Rho, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Beta Kappa, and the Neutrals. Each five will play each of the others once; the two high teams will have a series of games to decide which shall hold the cup for another year.

Colored Lights To Adorn Living Christmas Tree

One of the largest evergreens on the campus is to be strung with a myriad of colored electric lights to constitute the college Christmas Tree, according to arrangements which are now being made. The tree will probably be ready the first part of next week and should present a pleasing spectacle. This custom of thus decorating a living tree was inaugurated last year. It is probable that the custom of singing carols around the tree will also be continued.

HUET TO GIVE LECTURE AT MEETING OF FRENCH CLUB

Le Cercle Francais will hold a meeting at the Chateau Friday evening. M. Huet will talk on "Les Cries de Paris." This is a lecture which he is to deliver at Burlington and Worcester, and should prove very interesting. All members of Le Cercle Francais are urged to be present.

Overemphasis on Football? Opinions of Prexies Varying

President Paul D. Moody was one of the several New England college presidents who made statements last Saturday to the "Boston Transcript" in regard to the much discussed question of over-emphasis of college football. The statement, which follows, was in answer to the query, "Do you think that intercollegiate football, as now conducted, is overemphasied? If so, what, in your opinion, is the remedy?"

"Where proper scholastic standards and decent eligibility rules are strictly observed, football within the college does not receive undue emphasis. Danger lies in the over-great enthusiasm of the non-collegiate followers of the game and the undue publicity deliberately fostered in too many cases by the press. The faults found with it in my judgment, may be laid to abuses which the colleges are earnestly attempting to curb."

The opinions of some of the other New England college presidents were as follows:

If the primary purpose of the college is to furnish material for the sporting pages of our newspapers, intercollegiate football as now conducted cannot be considered overemphasized; but if the purpose of the college is primarily intellectual and educational, the present emphasis on sports is a real indictment of the intellectual slovenliness of the American people.

By President Kenneth C. M. Sills,
of Bowdoin College.

Certainly football is overemphasized. So are moving pictures and automobiles. Americans are immoderate in both work and play and are more like the Latin peoples than like their English forefathers. It is better to shout over football than over horse-racing

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ALL-VERMONT TEAM CHOSEN BY "CYNIC"

Four Middlebury Men Rate Places On Mythical All-Star Eleven Chosen At U. V. M.

Four Middlebury men are on the mythical all-Vermont eleven picked by the sporting editor of the University of Vermont "Cynic". Five Vermont men and two Cadets are also chosen for the team. The wearers of the Blue and White who are picked as the best for their position are Captain Potter at end, Ehlert at guard, Whittemore at quarter and Hinman at half. Three other Middlebury men rank places on the second team.

The teams chosen are as follows:

First Team

Potter (M) and Hourin (N), ends; Denning (V) and Katz (V), tackles; Ehlert (M) and Winchenbach (V), guards; Crowley (N), center; Whittemore (M), quarterback; Hinman (M) and Conway (V), halves; Smith (V), fullback.

Second Team

Leary (V) and Schectman (V), ends; Brosowsky (M) and Mullen (M), tackles; Fisher (N) and Wiley (M), guards; Clark (V), center; Kane (N), quarterback; Thompson (V) and Andrews (N), halves; Rice (N), fullback.

Y. W. C. A. TO HAVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Plans Near Completion For Gala Affair in Gym Saturday Evening

Saturday evening, December 12, the gymnasium will be transformed into a bright and colorful scene. Plans are under way for the Y. W. C. A. bazaar which insure its being the best yet. The booths will be decorated in red and green, and a gayly trimmed Christmas tree will add to the festive spirit. Part of the gym will be roped off where dancing may be enjoyed during the evening. There will be a charge of ten cents a dance. Music will be furnished by Gruggel's Serenaders.

Helen White '26, is chairman of the committee in charge. The booths are in charge of: Ada Winchester '26, Fancy Work; Doris Howard '26, Japanese; Beatrice Winch '26, Jewelry; Mary Moore '26, Food; Onnolee Ohart, '27, Dolls; Pauline Cross '27, Candy; Sarah Silverman '28, Fortune Telling. As an added attraction Santa Claus will be present with his grab bag. The proceeds of the bazaar will go toward the Maqua fund. This is an excellent chance to do your Christmas shopping early. Don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

Postmaster Urges That Packages Be Mailed Early

Postmaster A. G. Hinman has made a plea that students who intend to send packages home before vacation do so as early as possible in order to avoid the Christmas mailing rush. The mails will be very heavy by December 18, the day that vacation starts, and as a result packages not mailed until that time will not only increase the congestion but run the risk of delay in transit. Consquently, not only for the benefit of those who are mailing but in order to help the postoffice it will be wise to dispatch packages the last of this week or the first of next.

Professor William S. Burrage is to speak at the meeting of the English Club in Pearson's Social Hall this evening.

OPINIONS DIFFER HERE ON ENTRANCE INTO WORLD COURT

Harding - Hughes - Coolidge Plan Receives Majority In Student Poll

STRONG VOTE FOR "HARMONY PLAN"

Opponents To Court Idea Are Most Numerous In Men's College

A wide divergence of opinion on the question of United States' entrance into the World Court was shown by the poll conducted by the CAMPUS after chapel Friday. Although the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge plan received the majority of the votes cast, the "Harmony Plan" proved to be quite popular and the others also received a fairly large number of votes, showing that there is a considerable group which favors something more than entrance under the plan as now proposed by the administration.

The proposal for entrance under the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations received a total of 242 votes, the Harmony plan 118, the opposition under the terms outlined by Senator Borah 39 while those utterly opposed to the court numbered 49. It is interesting to note that among both the men and women of the senior class the advocates of the other three plans outnumbered those who favored the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge plan. The seniors voted 50 to 34 against the administration proposal, the 50 votes being split among the other three propositions. In each of the other three classes the Coolidge plan received a majority. Proportionally, the strongest opposition to the idea of the court was among the men while the "Harmony Plan" was most popular among the women.

The result of the balloting was forwarded to the "New Student" in New York where it will be compiled with the votes of about three hundred other colleges. The total vote will be presented to the Senate when it considers the problem.

Detailed Statistics on World Court Poll at Middlebury

Men

	1926	1927	1928	1929	Total
I.	21	18	35	59	133
II.	13	6	14	17	50
III.	6	4	6	7	23
IV.	10	9	8	12	39

Women

	1926	1927	1928	1929	Total
I.	13	29	35	32	109
II.	17	6	25	20	68
III.	4	2	1	9	16
IV.	0	2	1	7	10

Explanation: Plan I is entrance into the World Court with the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations; plan II. is entrance under the "Harmony Plan" which includes entrance with same reservations plus the right to withdraw after five years if no international law is codified which outlaws war; plan III. is for a World Court under terms defined by Senator Borah and plan IV is against any participation in a world court.

Dean Stanley Smith, Mus.D. of the Yale School of Music has recently been designated the incumbent of the Joseph Battell Professorship of Music, which was established in 1890, according to an announcement made at Yale University last week.

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THE FOOTBALL SITUATION

The present heated controversy which is taking place in the large colleges and universities over the question of over-emphasis and professionalism in college football should be an object lesson to smaller institutions of the type of Middlebury. Judging mainly from local conditions, we feel that football does not receive undue emphasis in the smaller colleges. On the other hand we feel that its status is quite a desirable one, that it plays a part in college life which is of very definite benefit both to to the institution and to individuals. We should hate to see football, as it is now played in the smaller colleges, done away with or modified to any great extent.

Yet it was only a few years ago that football occupied the same place in the larger institutions. In these few years the game has grown out of their control, largely because of the increased popular demand for it. The situation has developed so quickly that the authorities are at a loss to know how to cope with it; they are finding it a difficult problem to do away with the present evils and at the same time retain the many distinct benefits of intercollegiate football.

While the large colleges are worrying about the solution of the existing problem, the small ones will do well to take steps to prevent such a condition from arising in their midst. It is much mor desirable and probably less difficult to take hold of the problem while it is yet in its infancy, rather than wait until it becomes fully developed. The old proverb that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" certainly applies in this case. It will be to the benefit of the smaller colleges to prevent over-emphasis in college football before the situation becomes as acute as that which now exists in the larger institutions.

We recommend a careful perusal of the communications printed this week.

POETRY

College life is short. Four years, which are gone before we realize it, are given to us to make use of as we wish. We realize so seldom that the rest of our lives, actions, our responses—everything—depend upon the way we choose to spend our four years in college. The habits we form here are the habits which will accompany us probably to the ends of our lives. Only the most severe circumstances can change the way in which we meet our responsibilities in college. Here we must learn, if ever, how to use our time efficiently and with the maximum benefit and satisfaction, how to think rationally and how to put the most into life.

Even in the midst of the busy, hurried lives we live here we have some leisure moments which we ought to feel are too precious to lose. Each according to his or her taste should have something to help occupy these spare moments happily. One reads a great deal in magazine advertisements about the advisability of spending "fifteen minutes a day" at some special work. Although this idea can be greatly overdone, still it contains a basic truth which cannot be disputed. To spend fifteen minutes or so a day with some form of good literature is a habit, the formation of which is not only important for the person who desires to be an intelligent member of society but which is also an eternal source of real pleasure. Good books are companions which no one can afford to be without.

Perhaps the form of literature which is read the least by the modern generation is poetry. We are more or less familiar with many kinds of prose varying from the profound books we read for our college work to the cheapest sort of fiction on sale at news stands. But somehow we keep away from poetry and hide what natural inclinations and love we have for it. A love of poetry is nothing to be ashamed of. Today the range of poetry is so varied that we ought to be able to find at least one kind which appeals to our nature. Consider the field—the old poets; the modern poets; poets dealing with every subject under the sun; poets using meter, every verse form imaginable. Nothing is more varied. From the stirring, genuinely masculine poetry of Kipling to the musical love lyrics of Sidney Lanier, some form of poetry at least ought to give pleasure to us all. Poetry is music in words, and a few minutes a day spent with some loved poet can bring peace, pleasure and a sense of the beauty of the world in which we live.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Holds Initiation Banquet

The closing feature of the Delta Kappa Epsilon initiation was the banquet held Saturday evening at the Addison House with Theodore P. Roberts '27 in the toastmaster's chair. The welcome to the new brothers was given by Walter A. Potter '26, to which Philip Ransom '27, replied. Lester Schaefer '26, responded to the toast, "Our College." R. C. Ransom '07, and B. Mellen '04, were present and responded for the alumni members.

The initiates were: Raymond F. Bosworth, Paul Dujardin, Robert A. Foster, Lloyd R. Hawkins, Otto E. Hellauer, John Owen, Philip R. Ransom, Fred J. Sherman, Lester J. Stevens, Christopher A. Weber and Albert E. Willis.

DRAMA REVIEW

TWEEDLES

Act I

Mrs. Albergone	E. McDermott	'29
Winsora	T. Gates	'29
Julian Castlebury	H. Kinney	'29
Mr. Castlebury	R. Saulnier	'29
Mrs. Castlebury	R. Kenney	'29
Mrs. Ricketts	B. Munn	'29
Tweedles	E. Landon	'29
Philemon	S. Pattee	'29
Ambrose	F. Jason	'29

Act II

Mrs. Albergone	C. Woodward	'29
Winsora	D. Collins	'29
Julian Castlebury	H. Weston	'29
Mr. Castlebury	C. Allen	'29
Mrs. Castlebury	H. Patterson	'29
Tweedles	D. McLain	'29
Philemon	R. Meader	'29
Ambrose	F. Lynch	'29

Act III

Mrs. Albergone	M. Laughton	26
Winsora	K. Abel	26
Julian Castlebury	O. Ohart	'27
Mr. Castlebury	R. Allen	'26
Mrs. Ricketts	V. Palmer	'26
Tweedles	J. Gruggel	'26
Philemon	H. Frank	'26
Ambrose	F. Jason	'29

"Tweedles", a three-act play by Booth Tarkington, was presented before Wig and Pen last Thursday evening, in an extremely novel, yet amusing fashion. Three dramatic club groups cooperated in the production of it, each group producing one act. Accurate anticipation of the fun in store filled the Playhouse far beyond its seating capacity (may we voice a plea for an increased number of chairs?) In spite of this no one was heard to regret that he saw "Tweedles"—and indeed absence is more to be wept over, we are sure.

Miss Pritchard '26 directed the first act. Four of the evening's favorites were included in her cast: Miss McDermott, Miss Gates, Miss Munn and Mr. Saulnier. Miss Kenney was very good too, and likewise Mr. Pattee. The act was consistently well done, the smoothest of the three in many ways.

Mr. Purdy '26 was in charge of act two. In parts this act was the high spot of the play, although some of the speeches were rather long. Four favorites were found in this act, too: Mr. Weston, Mr. Lynch, Miss Patterson and Mr. McLain. Mr. Lynch, in fact, was one of the very funniest characters. His extensive eating almost provoked hysterics. For dramatic action this was undoubtedly the most decisive act.

Miss Prentice '26, director of act three, rather inspires our sympathy. Though duly respecting the class of '26, we are impelled to say that most of the individuals thereof fail to take Wig and Pen productions seriously. Mr. Gruggel, we grieve to state, was an outstanding example of this; and when the audience made so much noise that the prompter's voice was drowned, the results were disastrous. Mr. Frank was the masterpiece of this act. It is interesting to wonder how many noticed that his dialect was German when it should have been that of a Yankee. Miss Ohart was delightful, though her voice was not audible in all parts of the room. Her Julian was less of a "nincompoop" than the other two Julians were. Miss Laughton was really too pretty to be true! But we are very sure that act three detracted nothing from the humor of "Tweedles".

As for the play as a whole, it was certainly enjoyable. A few adverse criticisms may be constructive: the make-up was in several cases deplorable; and the art of prompting softly should be developed effectively, if it cannot be done away with. The setting was remarkable: the bit of mountainous scenery was good and the furnishings, even to the pictures and dishes, most fitting. The costuming was excellent also, especially that of the various Mrs. Albergones. We extend to directors, actors and all others involved, our deep gratitude for a unique and entertaining performance.

I. K. L.

COMMUNICATION

Misplaced Emphasis in Studies

To the Editor of The Campus:

Dear Sir:

There has come to my attention recently a question appearing in a mid-semester examination which typifies so accurately I think a certain characteristic pedantic attitude now prevalent in colleges, that I take this opportunity to express an undergraduate's opinion on the matter.

The question coming to my notice was as follows, "What character in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' wore red stockings?" Is information such as a correct answer to the above would presuppose, really the highest aim, the apotheosis of educational culture in colleges today? Why, may I ask, is it of any essential importance to know such details in regard to a well-nigh forgotten character, especially if all that can save said person from eternal oblivion is the originality of his or her sartorial appearance? What does it avail one to acquire a vast store of minutely detailed knowledge such as this—knowledge to be forgotten within an hour of the close of the examination?

Is it not largely this inane emphasis on unimportant points that is creating the generally prevalent attitude of cynicism toward the real value of the modern college education? To most people it is becoming increasingly obvious that colleges are at present in danger of losing their sense of true perspective. Their sense of proportion seems to have become distorted. If a college education is to mean anything at all, surely it should stand for the acquiring of the ability to correlate the varying aspects of life in such a manner as to make it possible for the graduate to fill a useful position in society. This end the present system of higher education is liable not to attain.

Under the method now in vogue, college professors are in reality creating in the minds of the students the very impression which they are striving most to evert,—namely the idea that life's greatest object is to "just get by". A mass of knowledge, of which the type cited above is an example, can only be acquired by a period of concentrated craming and can be held in the mind for but a few hours. And yet that brief period is sufficient. Why? Because it enables one to "just get by".

Of course there are two sides to every statement and this communication is not meant in any sense as a defense of a mere cursory and superficial knowledge as an adequate substitute for a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of a subject. What it does desire to do is to raise the question as to what really constitute the fundamentals. Are they not the broad governing principals around which, and according to which, we should throughout life make our comparative estimates as to the value of the various affairs coming beneath our notice?

Is it not, after all, the real and only purpose of a liberal arts college to teach these same fundamentals, and when they are so taught is not the institution's mission fulfilled? Catalogues talk much of "the true cultural atmosphere" but how many of us, and how often, come into any noticeable contact with such an environment? Few and rarely. Yet therein lies the justification of a college existence. When the undergraduate body and the public once feel that the institution for higher learning is in fact trying to turn forth not a pendant, but a type of man fit to face life as it is lived—then colleges will cease to need apologetic friends.

Respectfully yours,
HOWARD CUTLER, '27.

CALENDAR

Advance notices of College activities signed by one authorized and left in The Campus Office by 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon will be printed in the week's calendar.

Wednesday—
7:00 p.m. Middlebury Christian Association, Hepburn Hall.
7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal.
8:00 p.m. English Club, Pearson's Social Hall.

Thursday—
8:00 p.m. Dramatic Club.

Friday—
4:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal.
7:00 p.m. Glee Club.
7:45 p.m. French Club, Chateau.
8:00 p.m. Science Club, Warner Science Hall.

Saturday—
7:30 p.m. Y.W.C.A. Bazaar, McCullough Gymnasium.

Sunday—
12:00 m. Students Forum, Congregational Church.
5:00 p.m. Vespers, Dr. Henry H. Tweedy of Yale Divinity School.

Tuesday—
7:15 p.m. Y. W. C. A.
7:15 p.m. Undergraduate Association Meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Lack of Means of Escape Makes Old Chapel a Fire Trap, Seniors Believe

To the Editor of The Campus:

Middlebury has been extremely fortunate in having no serious fire in recent years. However this good fortune may have resulted in our growing somewhat impervious to the fire hazards which really exist. On the whole the matter of fire protection in the newer buildings has been quite carefully attended to, but it seems that there exists in the older buildings the possibility of a very serious disaster. It is true that Painter Hall and Starr Hall are equipped with iron ladders which would probably serve their purpose since the buildings are inhabitated only by men. But this is not the case with the Old Chapel. Here we have a four story structure with an interior entirely of wood and dry as tinder. The only means of exit is the single wooden stairway in the center of the building. A fire starting on the lower floors could soon sweep up this stairway thus cutting off all means of escape. The building is provided with no fire escapes whatsoever.

It is true that the situation has been somewhat bettered by not holding classes on the top floor, which is now entirely devoted to offices. Nevertheless the confusion and jamming of the hallways between periods gives us an indication of what might result were a fire to occur. The doors on both the ground floor and the first floor swing in, a condition which is usually unpermissable according to modern fire regulations. It is not difficult to conceive of grils being caught in a stampede which might follow the outbreak of fire.

While I do not wish to raise undue alarm over the situation, I think it would be advisable if certain steps were taken to lower the fire hazard that admittedly now exists.

Respectfully yours,
A SENIOR.

Princeton Conference May Result in Permanent Union

It seems quite probable that some permanent intercollegiate Student Union may be formed as a result of the Confrence which is to be held at Princeton Friday and Saturday for the purpose of discussing the World Court situation. Although the Court question will be uppermost at the Conference, leaders of some of the larger colleges are to meet in a special session to try to organize a permanent organization to discuss international affairs. Middlebury will not be represented at the Princeton conference.

SPEAKER COMPARES LIFE TO A RACE

Rev. Caughy of Glens Falls Names Four Essential Qualities

The Rev. John Caughy of Glens Falls, N. Y., gave the address at vespers Sunday evening. "Life is a Marathon which we must run," he said. "We need four things to help us in running and winning this race of life.

"First, we need plenty of patience, for we are not trying to win the hundred dash, where patience would only bring failure, but a long and wearisome face beset with many obstacles, where patience will ultimately prevail.

"Secondly, we must have freedom from all the restraining influences around us. Just as soldiers must often strip off their equipment and baggage, the Christian must strip off everything that may hold him from his goal. 'Wherefore seeing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is before us.'

"Joy is the third necessity for running the race of life. The apostle Paul said of Christ that he 'for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.' However, we know that Christ found real joy in working and suffering for us, without any thought of future reward. We must by prayer and careful consideration choose for our life work something in which we will take pleasure, for life work must be joyous to be successful.

"The last requisite of a winning race is faith in God. The patriarchs of the Bible ordered their lives by faith; we must run our race with profound faith in our own powers, in our gifts from God, and in the powers of others.

"We must put our best into life, in order that life may return the best to us."

German Club Plans For Christmas Party

A meeting of the German Club was held in Hamlin Hall Friday evening. During the time devoted to business it was decided that the Christmas party would be held Wednesday evening, December 15th, and that Christmas carols would be sung as usual on the preceding Sunday morning. Then the meeting was turned over to the committee in charge of the party and every one was busy with the special articles that are being made for that occasion.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting last night was a Christmas service. An appropriate reading was given. The meeting was in charge of Margaret L. Doty '26.

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All Students are Welcome

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Harvard Crimson Takes Strong Stand on Football

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this unhealthy condition." The paper feels that the evil can not be done away with in one stroke but thinks that if Harvard and other colleges will cooperate some reform may be gradually brought about.

The "Crimson" visualizes a time when there will be no spring practice and when football will start when college opens in the fall; when all students who wish to play may be able to participate; when interclass games will take place during the first month of college followed by the choice of a varsity squad which will play only three intercollegiate contests, one of which will be with Yale, while the winning class team will also play Yale's winning class team. It is pointed out that an endowment for athletics would be necessary in order to carry this program into force and in order to escape the present evils of overemphasis.

As definite steps which can be taken at present in order to reach the ultimate goal, the "Crimson" suggests that there shall be no spring or pre-season practice, that scouting be abandoned, that only three hours in the afternoon be allowed for practice, that a man with a very high character and personality who is a Harvard graduate be head coach, that there should be class teams with adequate, paid coaching, and that there should be no public sale of tickets to Harvard's football games, only students and graduates being allowed to purchase tickets. The paper opposes the idea of an Eastern Football Conference, feeling that it would bring to completion the evils which it is seeking to avoid. It also deplores the preponderance of space given to college football by the newspapers and is against the idea of picking All-American teams.

The metropolitan newspapers have commented at length upon the stand taken by the "Crimson", most of them admitting to a certain extent that something should be done to do away with overemphasis in college football but feeling that these suggestion are impractical and too idealistic for the present.

A debate on overemphasis held by the Harvard Union last week attracted a great deal of attention. The speakers included some of the Harvard stars, newspaper writers and the Boston College coach. The vote of the audience at the close of the debate was 215 to 205 against football as now conducted.

Paul Whiteman's Jazz Orchestra is on a concert tour through this section of New England. Saturday evening it played at the University of Vermont and Tuesday evening at Dartmouth.

"The Divinity of Christ" was the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Middlebury Christian Association held in Hepburn Social Hall last Wednesday evening.

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Women Vote To Adopt Men's Seating Plan

At a joint meeting of the three upper classes of the Women's College last week it was voted to adopt a new chapel seating plan similar to that which has been used by the men since October. Hereafter the three upper classes will occupy the seats along the main aisle and the freshmen will take the seats along the wall.

The arrangement has proved quite satisfactory among the men, giving them the best seats in order of seniority of classes rather than forcing the unfortunate ones whose names come at the wrong place in the alphabet to hide behind the pillars. It seems probable that the new seating plan will be a permanent one in both men's and women's college in the future.

Initiation Banquet Held By Alpha Sigma Phi

The annual formal banquet of the Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi took place at the Addison House Monday evening, December 7. The initiates were Joseph Everett Hendrix '27; Irving J. Begley '28; Milan H. Palmer '28, and Corwin L. Happ. Wilson H. Hasseltine, Donald O. Hays, Arthur F. Hingston, David F. Howe, Edward F. Landon, Charles W. Putney, John J. Sheehan and David D. Waugh, all of '29.

Professor J. Moreno-Lacalle acted as toastmaster. Toasts were given by Alfred R. Brosowsky '26, Scott A. Babcock '27, Albert D. Leahy '28, Charles W. Putney '29, R. C. Duncan '23, Harry J. Frank '26, Earl A. Samson '26 and Gordon Wiley '28.

The first copy of the chapter paper, "The Aphadelter", was presented to the fraternity by Paul Wolfskehl, Jr. '27.

Entertainment was provided throughout the evening by the quartet and by Messrs. Finnegan, MacDonald and Leahy.

Barney To Discuss Biology At Science Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Middlebury Science Club Friday evening at eight o'clock in the lecture room of the Biology Department. Professor Barney will speak on "An Application of Biology to Industry". All Juniors and Seniors, majoring in science or doing major work in a science while registered for majors in non-science departments are eligible to membership in the club and are cordially invited to join. Membership is also extended to all instructors in science and the Department of Psychology.

There will be a short business meeting for the election of officers. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Dr. Henry H. Tweedy of the Yale Divinity School is to be the speaker at vespers Sunday evening. Dr. Tweedy was the speaker at Commencement here in 1923 and has given inspiring addresses annuallly from the chapel pulpit for some time.

Final examinations will start January 20 and last for ten days according to the schedule posted on the college bulletin boards during the past week.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The West Coast will soon have a School of International Relations matching the Walter Hines Page School of the East. It will be called the Los Angeles University of International Relations and will be established at Burbank, California.

Dr. Rufus B. Von Klein-Smid, president of the University of Southern California, is now touring eastern cities on a money gathering trip to finance the new project.

A site for the school was offered by the city of Burbank. There will be four colleges, an institute of International trade, a school of diplomacy, and a school for international law.—New Student.

College Presidents Give Opinions on Football

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or prize-fighting. In due time good sense will assert itself and the excellent game of football take its proper place.

By President W. H. P. Faunce,
of Brown University.

The overemphasis upon intercollegiate football is one of the gravest problems that confronts the administration of the American college today. What makes the situation exceedingly difficult is that factors that make for this overemphasis are entirely outside of the control of the college. If it were not for the frantic excitement of the American people over college contests fosterred and exaggerated by the public press, the colleges might be able to meet the situation. All the solutions I have seen suggested seem hopelessly artificial and do not strike at the root of the trouble.

By President R. B. Ogilby,
of Trinity College.

I think the main problem in college football is the greatly increased public interest in its almost gladiatorial features. I believe it should be kept a college game. I doubt whether we can make much progress until colleges of similar type and athletic standards are associated in some form of conference as is customary except in the East. Personally, I should be glad to see spring training and practice before college opens done away with. The best suggestion I know of to make football primarily a college matter would be to adopt the proposal tentatively made in the "Big Ten" that no man winning a letter in football be allowed to play another season. This would prevent the development of a team around one individual; would require a coach to teach football to a greater number of men and would make every college open its season with prospects about equal to its opponent.

By Pres. James L. McConnaughy,
of Wesleyan University.

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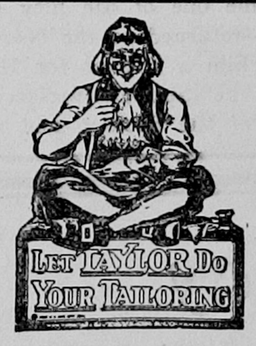

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TRACK TEAM STARTS GRIND OF TRAINING

Coach Brown Has Large Squad of Promising Candidates

A large number of candidates, including some very promising freshmen reported to Coach Brown for varsity track, when he called for the first practice last Tuesday. It is planned to hold workouts three times a week during the winter months in order to keep the men in good condition and teach them the rudiments of the track and field events. Intensive practice will start probably late in February. The system of keeping the cinder path artists at work throughout the winter, has been used for the past several years and has been in a large way responsible for the strong Blue and White teams that have been produced.

The University of Vermont tracksters have also started work and since they have many veterans back from last spring's championship team and also have some freshmen who did great things in prep school, they are confident that they will retain the title which they wrested from Middlebury last spring for the first time in ten years.

Coach Brown's squad was weakened seriously by graduation, especially in the weight events where it will be necessary to develop several new men The long period of training should produce material capable of filling the vacancies.

The last informal of the season was held in the McCullough Gymnasium, Saturday evening. Professor and Mrs. A. M. Brown were the chaperones. Gruggel's Serenaders furnished music for about fifty couples.

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Do College Students Insure Their Lives?
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PHI BETES CELEBRATE 149TH ANNIVERSARY

First Greek Letter Society Founded at William and Mary in 1776

In celebration of the 149th anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, the United Chapters and Alumni Associations throughout the United States have been holding meetings and dinners during the past week.

This anniversary will be a particularly momentous occasion, constituting a reunion of the members of Phi Beta Kappa to make plans for the sesquicentennial next year. Important features of the progress of many of these gatherings will be addresses reviewing the illustrous history of the fraternity and reports of the progress made in raising the 150th Anniversary Endowment Fund, the most significant project initiated by the United Chapters in recent years.

The observance of the approaching anniversary is a continuance of the method of the original society, which observed its anniversaries and provided for their regular observance in its charters to Harvard and Yale. The addresses delivered on these yearly occasions form what is probably the most extended series of discourses in educational annals.

Phi Beta Kappa was the progenitor of all Greek-letter college fraternities although, unlike its successors, it based its membership solely upon scholarship. It is older than the Constitution of the United States, having been founded December 5, 1776. The idea of an organization which should weld men of scholastic attainment together in fraternity was conceived by John Heath, a student at William and Mary College, who formed the nucleus of Phi Beta Phi with four fellow-students.

This group of men at once adopted the mottoes, Latin and Greek, and the badge bearing the symbols familiar today to wearers of the key. But it is not just these five who are remembered as the founders of Phi Beta Kappa, but the entire number of fifty men who became members of the fraternity during the first four years of its existence at William and Mary. So truly did the lives of these fifty men exemplify the ideals of the fraternity that they set a pattern standard for succeeding generations of Phi Beta Kappas.

Two of the fifty founders became United States senators, one representing Virginia and the other Kentucky. Two served as judges of the higher courts of Virginia, one having the unique honor, as presidential elector, of voting twice for Jefferson, twice for Madison, twice for Munroe, and once for John Quincy Adams, who was the first Phi Beta Kappa man to become President of the United States.

The fraternity continued at William and Mary College, in early times, for only four years. When, early in 1781, the Revolution brought the British Army to Virginia, and then to Williamsburg, the college was forced to close its doors for a time. Before leaving the town the six members of Phi Beta Kappa who still remained there sealed up the records and left them in the hands of the college steward, to be safeguarded by him "until the desirable event of the Society's resurrection."

But before this date—in 1779—Elisha Parmele, a Connecticut Yankee who had become one of the fifty original members—returned to the North taking with him a charter for Harvard, voted on the third anniversary of the founding of the Society, and another for Yale, granted five days later. Thus two new branches were founded before the dissolution of the original one and Phi Beta Kappa consequently had had an unbroken existence of 149 years.

The fourth chapter, at Dartmouth, was granted a charter in August, 1787, and another was not organized for thirty years, until, in 1817, Union College was granted a charter. Then followed the Alpha of Maine at Bowdoin, established in 1825, and, five years later, the Alpha of Rhode Island at Brown. The charter of the Middlebury chapter was granted in 1868.

The organization of new chapters proceeded steadily until today there are more than one hundred in the principal universities and colleges of the United States. In 1875 the membership was broadened to include women and of the present chapters only twenty-four are in institutions exclusively for men.

Girls of Gables Gang Have Glad Gathering

Few people realize the significance of Friday December 4. Someone's birthday? Probably. Something happen of international note? Maybe. But what is most important, there was a reunion of the Gables Gang on that date. All Seniors now, yes, but still able to hobble about and on occasion act like the Freshmen they were once. Much lung power was expended and ten vocal cords were stretched to produce surprisingly voluminous discords. All but two of the historic group were present or accounted for; those two were carried away "amore iuvenis." It was with much pride that these select few reunited, for the prestige bestowed in having been the last to abide within the walls of this imposing edifice is what gave them their start in college.

VARIED IDEAS AS TO WHY THEY FAIL

Outside activities, Lack of Preparation Seem To Be Main Causes

One out of every three. Only thirty-five per cent of those annually admitted to college ever achieve the goal of a degree.

Outside circumstances interfere in many cases, but university officials say that one-third of all casualties are simply a matter of Johnnie's having flunked out. Extra-curricular activities, more than all other things, are blamed.

Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, says moving pictures, possession of automobiles, too great indulgences in outside activities and over-generosity of parents are the outstanding causes contributing to the failure of undergraduates.

A Williamette University professor says ten per cent of all freshmen are mentally unfit, and should never enter the classroom. "Formerly", he says, "only bright-minded pupils came to college; now, forty per cent of the high school graduates enter. Too many come not to grasp knowledge, but because a college education is considered a social necessity."

"Too little sleep, too much play, not enough study, too much leisure, fast eating and diversified thinking are factors that devitalize students and are responsible for the delinquent groups in every university," is the conclusion reached by Professor Howard of Northwestern University.

The Trinity Chronicle, while recognizing that lack of preparation and poor training are frequently responsible, points out that most failures result from a wrong conception and attitude on the part of entering freshmen. "The thought of hard work has been banished by what they have heard from college acquaintances who have returned home during holidays, primed to the gills with athletic news, and with tales of pranks, jokes and boasts of idleness. Hard work is never mentioned. The erroneous idea is formed that college is a place where one spends four years in ease and enjoyment, with athletics, social life and practical jokes as the major attractions.

Many failures occur because students have no adequate conception of how to study. One educator says the failure to guide and direct study is the weak point of our whole educational machine. Activities nowadays leave so little time for studious pursuits, that it is important for the student to learn to use to the greatest advantage whatever time he does save for this less-popular but necessary side of college life. Interesting in this connection is a recent book by William Allan Brooks on "How to Study" which has been issued by the American Student Publishers, New York City.—American Campus.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Debating League has chosen as its subject for the first series of debates "Resolved: That this house views with disfavor the emphasis placed upon college football."

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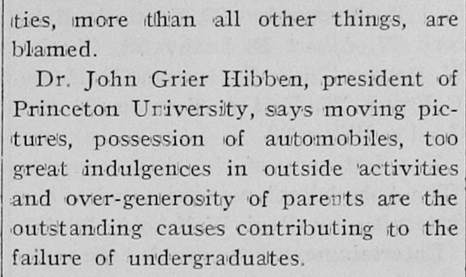

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